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The Beaverton Police Department invites applications for Victim Advocate Volunteers

On April 30, 2013 18 Volunteer Victim Advocates began assisting crime victims in the City of Beaverton. The purpose of this program was to develop a team of Victim Advocate Volunteers who will be on call 24/7. They have been trained to respond on-scene to incidents of domestic violence and other victim crimes (excluding sexual assault) in the City of Beaverton. We are looking to expand this successful program and add additional advocates.

Essential Functions:

- Advocates are available to take up to 3 shifts per month to provide team coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (including holidays) to be called out to the scene of an incident and provide supportive advocacy, information, and resource referrals for victims of crime
- Advocates answer questions and provide explanations of the criminal justice system and arrest procedures
- Advocates engage in safety planning and problem solving assistance with victims
- Advocates offer emotional support and crisis intervention
- Advocates provide information on community referrals and resources available to victims of crime
- Advocates offer information on trauma, domestic violence, stalking, and self-care
- Advocates provide information on obtaining protective orders
- Advocates encourage and empower victims to make their own decisions and choices
- Advocates work closely with Beaverton Police Department Officers and/or Detectives, and Beaverton Police Department Victim Services Coordinator

If selected, Victim Advocates will receive 40 hours of training in victim advocacy, trauma, crisis response, domestic violence, working with law enforcement during an investigation, the criminal justice system, Victim Advocate program policies and procedures, and other topics. Advocates must successfully complete all training dates, a police ride along, and a drug screen before final acceptance to the Victim Advocate volunteer team. The 2014 Training Academy is scheduled for all Monday evenings and Saturday days between February 24, 2014 and March 24, 2014, and Tuesday evening March 18, 2014.

Completed applications can be either dropped off or mailed to City of Beaverton Human Resources Department, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, OR 97076.

Applications are due by November 6, 2013.

Please contact Katrina Rodriguez, Beaverton Police Department Victim Services Coordinator at 503.526.2205 or krodriguez@beavertonoregon.gov with any questions or for an application.

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